

MEETING MINUTES

Hilltop Neighborhood Working Group Meeting
Latin American Community Center
403 North Van Buren Street

Friday, January 14, 2005
9:00 am

ATTENDEES:

Council Member Bud Freel
Gretchen Gilchrist -Council Staff
Isaac Kornegay
Jorge Echavarria – LACCDC
Ray McKinney
Jose’ Ortiz Deleod Delaware
Iris N. Donato- YMCA
Marcia Starks – Mayor’s Office
Galmiel Silouieta-El Sol Newspaper
Carlos Dipres-LaOficina Deloswiwos
Gwenn Allen-DE CTR for Horticulture
Kevin Wilson – L&I
Charles Harvey-WHA
Vikran Krishnamurthy-DE CTR for Horticulture
Lt. Mitch Rock – WPD

Sgt. Dennis O’Connor
Gwendolyn Jimevies-LACC
David Gwyn – Westside Coalition
Todd Collins- Ferris Properties
JoseVazques- West End N. H.
Augusto Cordova – CLASI
P. Alequine – WPD
Derrick Lightfoot – Planning
Mardell Coates - Resident
Carmen Silva- LA OFF OFE
Emerald Catron-DE CTR for Horticulture
Gloria Ortiz – JP Morgan Chase
Ed Stone – Public Works
Kevin Grayson- Resident

Introductions:

Marcia Starks called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Reports:

Police: Officer Alequine gave the report.

The report was reviewed with attention directed to the “hot corners” for drug activity: Harrison and Conrad Street and 1300 block of W. 6th Street. There was an increase in the number of calls for service for drug activity in the area of the 200 and 300 blocks of Connell Street. The police continue to attend community meetings.

Addresses were given to the police to investigate for possible drug activity.

Sgt Alequine announced that he had been promoted and that he was being transferred to another unit. He and Sgt. Kurten, who has also been promoted would be leaving. The replacement officers are capable of providing the same standard of service that he and Kurten provided. Community concerns may be addressed toSgt Dennis O’Connor at 463-4216.

REAL ESTATE AND HOUSING: Report at the next meeting.

LICENSES & INSPECTIONS: Kevin Wilson reviewed the L&I report. Questions about 109 Franklin Street were addressed. A more detailed court listing will be available in time for the February meeting.

Additional addresses were given to L&I for inspection: 1305, 1306, 1329 West 5th Street; 220 and 222 North Harrison Street; 306, 308 and 314 North Franklin Street; 1116, 1118 and 1123 West 6th Street.

People were encouraged to report complaints to L&I at 576-3030 or Kevin Wilson at 576-3055.

LACC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Report at the next meeting.

They have two houses available for sale: 224 and 229 North Harrison Street.

COMMUNITY LEGAL AID: Gus Cordova announced that Community Legal Aid has received many clients who are suing landlords for code violations.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ed Stone reported that 22 loads were picked up totaling 50.50 tons.

WHA: The Challenge Program was pulled off the 1205 and 1213 Conrad Street project due to the recent shooting. Professional contractors will be hired to complete the project.

PLANNING: Report at the next meeting.

COMMENTS:

Jose Vasquez requested assistance in setting up a Neighborhood Watch. For more information, contact him at. jvazquez@westendh.org

David Gwynn announced that the Westside Neighborhood Association is having AIDS Delaware speak at the January 19th meeting. The meeting is from 6-8pm at St. Paul's Church.

Council Member Bud Freel congratulated Sgt Alequine on his promotion and thanked him for the service he provided the hilltop community. The success of the Hilltop Working Group is a reflection on the success of the community-policing program.

Public Works has published the trash information booklets. They are available for pick up.

A request was made to attend St. Paul's Mass to ask for community support.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2005